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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Antti LEINONEN et al.
Serial No.: 09/740,176
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For: **LOADING DEVICE INCLUDING A
LOADING MEMBER FOR
SUPPORTING AND DEWATERING A
WEB FORMING WIRE**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, applicants herewith submit form PTO-1449 which lists references cited in a European Search Report issued in connection with a corresponding European application and references cited in an Office Action issued in connection with a corresponding Japanese application. A copy of each reference is enclosed. A copy of the European Search Report and a copy of the Japanese Office Action is also enclosed.

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Please note that U.S. Patent No. 5,507,918, enclosed herewith, corresponds to International Application No. 508186/1994 cited in the Japanese Office Action.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the publications called to the Examiner's attention herein, applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a reference asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants request that the Examiner independently determine those items which the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and thus it is believed that no fee is due for its submission. However, in the event that any fee is due the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0518 in the name of Steinberg & Raskin, P.C..

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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